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## Academic Appointments

Associate Professor (tenured), 2023-present  
Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education  
University of Florida

Associate Professor (tenured), 2015-2023  
Department of History  
University of Miami

Assistant Professor, 2008-2015  
Department of History  
University of Miami

Lecturer, 2007-2008  
Department of History  
Rice University

## Education

Ph.D. in History, 2007  
Northwestern University

M.A. in History, 2002  
Northwestern University

B.A. in Philosophy and History, 2001  
*magna cum laude*, Departmental Honors in History  
Wheaton College (IL)

## Book

*Reformation Unbound: Protestant Visions of Reform in England, 1525-1590* (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

-Finalist, Royal Historical Society's Whitfield Prize

-Runner-up, American Society of Church History's Brewer Prize

- Articles & Chapters
- “Pearls before swine: limiting godly speech in early seventeenth-century England” in Robert G. Ingram, Jason Peacey, and Alex W. Barber (eds.), *Freedom of Speech, 1550-1850* (Manchester University Press, 2020), pp. 47-62.
- “‘Not revenged, nor repented of’: Martyrs and England’s Long Reformation” *Reformation* 24.2 (Fall 2019), pp. 138-150.  
 -Republished in David Loewenstein and Alison Shell (eds.), *Early Modern Literature and England’s Long Reformation* (Routledge, 2021), pp. 138-150.
- “The Marian Persecution and Early Elizabethan Protestants: Persecutors, Apostates, and the Wages of Sin” *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte* 107:1 (October 2016), pp. 137-164.
- “Rebuilding the Temple: James Pilkington, *Aggeus*, and early Elizabethan Puritanism” *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 60:4 (October 2009), pp. 689-707.
- “Protestant Radicalism and Political Thought in the Reign of Henry VIII” (co-authored with Ethan H. Shagan) *Past & Present* 194 (February 2007), pp. 35-76.
- “The Origins of English Puritanism” *History Compass* 4:2 (March 2006), pp. 235-240.
- Work in Progress
- Wrong! Responding to Error in the English Reformation* (book manuscript in progress)
- My Simple Opinion: Lay Belief and the Bible in the Reign of Henry VIII* (book manuscript in progress)
- “The Bible and Elizabethan Political Thought” for a volume on *Illuminating Elizabethan Political Thought*
- Reviews
- Lucy Moffat Kaufman, *A People’s Reformation: Building the English Church in the Elizabethan Parish* (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2023) in *Fides et Historia* (forthcoming)

David J. Crankshaw and George W. C. Gross (eds.), *Reformation Reputations: The Power of the Individual in English Reformation History* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2021) in *Church History* 91:1 (March 2022), 147-148.

Ceri Law, *Contested Reformations in the University of Cambridge, 1535–1584* (Woodbridge: Boydell Press, 2018) in *The Catholic Historical Review* 107:3 (Summer 2021), pp. 434-435.

Diarmaid MacCulloch, *Thomas Cromwell: A Revolutionary Life* (Penguin Random House, 2018) in *The Historian* 82:1 (2020), pp. 97-98.

Peter Marshall, *Heretics and Believers: A History of the English Reformation* (Yale University Press, 2018) in *The English Historical Review* 134:571 (December 2019), pp. 1535-1537.

Ulinka Rublack (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Protestant Reformations* (Oxford University Press, 2016) in *The English Historical Review* 134:568 (June 2019), pp. 696-698.

Jonathan Willis, *The Reformation of the Decalogue: Religious Identity and the Ten Commandments in England, c. 1485-1625* (Cambridge University Press, 2017) in *Renaissance Quarterly* 72:2 (Summer 2019), pp. 719-720.

Bridget Heal and Anorthe Kremers (eds.), *Radicalism and dissent in the world of protestant reform* (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2017) in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 70:2 (April 2019), pp. 378-380.

Gergely M. Juhász, *Translating Resurrection: The Debate between William Tyndale and George Joye in Its Historical and Theological Context* (Brill, 2014) in *Reformation* 22:1 (May 2017), pp. 64-66.

Jonathan Willis (ed.), *Sin and Salvation in Reformation England* (Ashgate, 2015) in *The Journal of British Studies* 55:4 (October 2016), pp. 829-831.

Victoria Brownlee and Laura Gallagher (eds.), *Biblical women in early modern literary culture 1550-1700* (Manchester University

Press, 2015) in *Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 11:1 (Fall 2016), pp. 245-248.

Robert Whiting, *The Reformation of the English Parish Church* (Cambridge University Press, 2010) in *The Journal of Modern History* 84:1 (March 2012), pp. 180-181.

Scott Lucas, *A Mirror for Magistrates and the Politics of the English Reformation* (University of Massachusetts Press, 2009) in *The Journal of Modern History* 83:2 (June 2011), pp. 407-409.

Kevin Sharpe, *Selling the Tudor Monarchy: Authority and Image in Sixteenth-Century England* (Yale University Press, 2009) in *The Journal of Modern History* 83:1 (March 2011), pp. 158-160.

Daniel Eppley, *Defending Royal Supremacy and Discerning God's Will in Tudor England* (Ashgate, 2007) in *The Historian* 72:3 (Fall 2010), pp. 685-686.

Andy Wood, *The 1549 Rebellions and the Making of Early Modern England* (Cambridge University Press, 2007) in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 40:3 (Winter 2010), pp. 447-448.

Christopher Kendrick, *Utopia, Carnival, and Commonwealth in Renaissance England* (University of Toronto Press, 2004) in *Histoire Sociale — Social History* 38:76 (November 2005), pp. 524-525.

#### Awards & Honors

*Reformation Unbound*

-Finalist, Royal Historical Society's Whitfield Prize

-Runner-up, American Society of Church History's Brewer Prize

Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, elected 2015

Honorary Member, Mortar Board Honor Society, University of Miami chapter, 2019

#### Grants

University of Miami Center for the Humanities Research Fellowship (2020-21)

University of Miami Fellowship in the Arts & Humanities (2018-2019)

Provost's Research Award, University of Miami (2015-2016)  
 Provost's Research Award, University of Miami (2014-2015)  
 Provost's Research Award, University of Miami (2012-2013)  
 University of Miami Center for the Humanities Research  
 Fellowship (2010-2011)  
 Folger Shakespeare Library Short-Term Research Fellowship  
 (2010)  
 Max Orovitz Research Award in the Arts & Humanities (2010)  
 Max Orovitz Research Award in the Arts & Humanities (2009)  
 Lilly Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship, Valparaiso University  
 (2007, declined)  
 Northwestern University History Department Teacher-Mentor  
 Award (2007)  
 Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund Fellowship (2004-2007)  
 Graduate Research Fellowship, Northwestern University  
 (2004-2005)  
 English-Speaking Union of Illinois Dissertation Grant (2004-2005)  
 University Fellowship, Northwestern University (2001-2002)  
 Graduate Scholarship, Wheaton College Scholastic Honor Society  
 (2001-2002)

#### Presentations

"The Apostles' Creed and the early English Reformation," Tudor  
 Stuart Seminar, Institute for Historical Research (London, UK; 11  
 March 2024)

"The Bible and Elizabethan Political Thought," Illuminating  
 Elizabethan Political Thought (London, UK; 24-26 March 2023)

"English Puritanism and English Protestantism, 1525-1590"  
 Perspectives on English Puritanism, 16th-17th centuries  
 (Université Toulouse-Jean Jaurès; 6 January 2023)

Commentator for panel on "Negotiating, Combatting, and  
 Fostering Early Modern Difference," Southern Conference on  
 British Studies (Baltimore, MD; 12 November 2022)

"All is vanity: Luther's Ecclesiastes in Edwardian England and  
 Elizabethan Ireland," University of Miami Center for the  
 Humanities Medieval and Early Modern Studies  
 Interdisciplinary Research Group (5 October 2021)

“How the Sausage Was Made: The Production of a Henrician Biblical Commentary” University of Miami Center for the Humanities Fellows Symposium (Coral Gables, FL; 17 Sept. 2021)

“Winking at Wickedness and the History of Toleration,” University of Miami Center for the Humanities Medieval and Early Modern Studies Interdisciplinary Research Group (15 February 2021)

“Confessional Creativity at the Tudor Court: The Case of Sir Anthony Cope” North American Conference on British Studies (Vancouver, Canada; 15 November 2019)

“The devil in the details: the major significance of minor interpretative disagreements in Tudor biblical expositions” Southern Conference on British Studies (Louisville, KY; 8-9 November 2019)

“Defining Evangelicalism: Theology in the Reign of Edward VI,” Southern Conference on British Studies (Dallas, TX; 10 November 2017)

“Tudor Martyrs in Stuart England,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference (Milwaukee, WI; October 2017)

Comment on lecture by Mickey Mattox, “Why Remember Martin Luther? Reflections of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation,” University of Miami Forum on Religion and Public Life (Coral Gables, FL; 23 October 2017)

“Pearls Before Swine,” Freedom of Speech, 1550-1850 (Ohio University, 7 April 2017)

“Goddamned liars: an alternative history of the English Reformation” invited talk sponsored by the Yale Renaissance Colloquium and Southern Connecticut State University Renaissance Studies (New Haven, CT; 3 March 2017)

“The Luther Problem and the English Reformation” North American Conference on British Studies (Washington, D.C.; 13 November 2016)

Commentator for panel on “Perceptions of power and authority: the transmission of political, scientific, and medical ideas in the 16th and 17th centuries” Southern Conference on British Studies (St. Pete Beach, FL; 4 November 2016)

“How to explain Martin Luther: Confessional Conflict and Protestant Life-Writing in Early Modern England” Writing Reformation Lives (University of Oxford, 27-28 June 2016)

“Making Peace with Error in the English Reformation” Religion and Politics in Early Modern Europe (Vanderbilt University; 15-16 April 2016)

Organizer and Participant in a roundtable on “The English Reformation: Past, Present, and Future” North American Conference on British Studies (Little Rock, 13 November 2015)

“Explaining error in the reign of Edward VI: the Cranmer-Gardiner debate of 1550-1551” Sixteenth Century Society Conference (Vancouver, 23 October 2015)

Organizer and Participant in a roundtable on “Michael Winship’s *Godly Republicanism: Puritans, Pilgrims, and a City on a Hill*” Southern Conference on British Studies (Atlanta, November 2014)

Commentator for “Religion and the Public Sphere” Florida International University, 14th Annual Graduate Student Conference (Miami, 4 April 2014)

“Lewis Evans Explains Himself: Conversion and Religious Identity in Post-Reformation England” Southern Conference on British Studies (St. Louis, 1 November 2013)

“Vengeance is whose? Reckoning with persecution in early modern England” University of Miami Early Modern Studies Research Group (Coral Gables, 8 October 2013)

“God-damned Liars: Lying and the Unforgivable Sin in the English Reformation” Bonds, Lies, and Circumstances (St. Andrews, UK; March 2013)

Organizer and Commentator for panel on “Conflict in the English Reformation” Southern Conference on British Studies (Mobile, November 2012)

“History in (and around) the Marprelate Tracts” Sixteenth Century Society Conference (Cincinnati, 27 October 2012)

“The Origins of English Puritanism” University of Miami Religious Studies Colloquium (Coral Gables, 11 November 2011)

“‘A fervent minde to God warde, but not according unto knowledge’: truth, error, and religious identity in Elizabethan England” Southern Conference on British Studies (Baltimore, 29 October 2011)

Commentator for panel on “Non-conformity in Early Modern England” Southern Conference on British Studies (Baltimore, 28 October 2011)

“Dealing with Heretics: Protestants and the Sword in the early English Reformation” University of Miami Atlantic Studies Seminar (Coral Gables, 18 November 2010)

“Be ye separate: English Separatism in the Reign of Henry VIII” Southern Conference on British Studies (Charlotte, 6 November 2010)

“‘M. Latimer a mar-prelate’: Elizabethans and the History of Puritanism” University of Miami Center for the Humanities Fellows Colloquium (Coral Gables, 31 August 2010)



“Situating the Separatists in England’s Long Reformation” Folger Shakespeare Library (Washington, D. C., 30 July 2010)

“Catholics and the Creation of Puritanism” Vanderbilt University British Studies Seminar (Nashville, 30 April 2010)

“The Vestments Controversy and the Origins of Puritanism” University of Miami Early Modern Studies Research Group (Coral Gables, 10 September 2009)

“Anti-catholicism in the lower case: rejecting religious unity in Reformation England” Anti-Popery: The Transatlantic Experience, c. 1530-1850 (Philadelphia, 19 September 2008)

“Puritans and Conformists in ‘The Troubles at Frankfurt?’” Princeton University British Studies Seminar (Princeton, 5 May 2006)

Participant in a roundtable on “The Marian Persecution” Sixteenth Century Society Conference (Atlanta, 21 October 2005)

“Peace with Satan: George Joye’s arguments against religious unity in Henrician England” Midwest Conference on British Studies (South Bend, 24 September 2005)

“Anti-Catholic Visions of State in Early Elizabethan England” 74th Anglo-American Conference (London, 6 July 2005)

“James Pilkington’s *Aggeus* and the origins of Elizabethan Puritanism” Institute for Historical Research, Religious History of Britain 1500-1800 Seminar (London, 7 June 2005)

“James Pilkington’s *Aggeus* and the origins of Elizabethan Puritanism” Sixteenth Century Society Conference (Toronto, 29 October 2004)

“John Frith and Religious Toleration in the English Reformation” Midwest Conference on British Studies (East Lansing, 24 October 2004)

Teaching  
University of Florida  
IDS 2935: Wisdom and Heroism: Great Books in the Medieval World  
IDS 2935: Who Am I? The Self from Antiquity to 1700  
IDH2930: (Un)common Read: Max Weber's *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (Spring 2024)

Teaching  
University of Miami  
HIS 131: Europe from Antiquity to 1600  
HIS 328: Reformation Europe  
HIS 332: England, 1485-1688  
HIS 391: The History of Everyday Life  
HIS 538: Tudor Political History  
HIS 538: Tolerance and Intolerance  
HIS 597: History Honors Seminar I  
HIS 598: History Honors Seminar II  
HIS 631: The Reformation  
HIS 645: Early Modern Europe Field Seminar  
HIS 721: Historiography  
HIS 722: Dissertation Prospectus Seminar  
FPR 191: Religious Liberty from Socrates to Hobby Lobby (first-year student seminar)

Advising  
*Ph.D. Committee Member:*  
Justin Chmiel (UM History PhD, in progress)  
Tim Martin (UM History PhD, in progress)  
Nicole Sintes (UM History PhD, in progress)  
Gaby Faundez (UM History PhD 2021)  
Stephanie Skenyon (UM History PhD 2021)  
Alexander Ayris (Vanderbilt University, Religion PhD 2018)  
Carolyn Zimmerman (UM History PhD 2015)  
Stephen Lazer (UM History PhD 2014)

*M.A. Committee Member:*  
Ian Bussan (2018)  
Lara Griefe (2015)  
Paz Riobo (2010)

*Honors Thesis Advisor:*  
Kimberly Dodt (co-advisor, 2019)  
Vincent Albelo (2017)  
Sammei Gosney-Doak (2017)

John Wiltshire (2016)  
Annissa Omran (2015)

*MRes* external examiner, Macquarie University (AUS)

Professional Service Southern Conference on British Studies  
Past-President (2017-2019)  
President (2015-2017)  
Vice President (2013-2015)  
Executive Council (2012-2019)  
SCBS Charles Perry Prize Committee (2016, 2017)  
SCBS Travel Grant Committee (2018)

North American Conference on British Studies  
Executive Council (2015-2017)  
Program Committee (2015-2017)

Tenure referee:  
-University of Mississippi  
-University of Alabama

Manuscript proposal referee  
-Routledge

Manuscript referee:  
-Cambridge University Press  
-*Church History*  
-*Journal of British Studies*  
-*Reformation*  
-*Renaissance Quarterly*  
-*Sixteenth Century Journal*

Service  
Hamilton Center Chair, Lecturer Search Committee (2023-2024)  
Member, Assistant Professor Search Committee (2023-2024)  
Chair, PPEL Degree Committee (2023-2024)  
Faculty Mentor to Asst. Prof. Aaron Zubia (2023-)

Service  
University of Miami Chair, Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee (2022-2023)  
Coordinator, Medieval & Early Modern Studies Graduate  
Concentration (2022-2023)

Reviewer, University of Miami Fellowship committee  
(2021, 2022)

Reviewer, Provost's Research Awards (2015, 2020-21)

Member, Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee (2020-2023)

Guest speaker, "Career Success Strategies for Liberal Arts and  
Humanities," Toppel Career Center, (28 April 2020)

College of Arts and Sciences EdTech "Power User" during  
COVID-19 pandemic (Spring and Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

Member, Early Modern Essay Prize Committee (2019)

Mentor, Empower Me First Undergraduate Program (2018-2019)

Convener, Humanities Writing Group (2017-2020)

Elected Member, University Graduate Council (2017-2020)

Convener, Medieval and Early Modern Studies Research Group  
(2009-2020)

Co-coordinator, Early Modern Studies Graduate Concentration  
(2016-2017)

Member, Center for the Humanities Faculty Board (2014-2017)

Member, College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Summer  
and Dissertation Awards, Humanities subcommittee (2015)

Member, John David Ruggiero Dissertation Award Committee  
(2015)

Presenter, "Preview the U" (2015)

Co-organizer, History and Literature Speakers Series,  
Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies (2012-2013)

Service	Director of Undergraduate Studies (2017-2022)
University of Miami	Member, European History Associate/Full Professor Search
Dept. of History	Committee (2019-2022)
	Co-creator of History 4+1 BA/MA Program (2019-2020)
	Webmaster (2011-2015, 2016-17, 2018-19)
	Member, Speakers Committee (2008-2010; co-chair 2013-2018)
	Academic Advisor (2013-2023)
	Member, Enrollments Task Force (2014)
	Member, Undergraduate Committee (2013, 2017-2023)